GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:212
ANSWERED ON:08.08.2005
DESILTING OF RIVERS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether large scale silting in the rivers in the country, especially in Uttar Pradesh has reduced their water carrying capacity;

(b) if so, whether the Government has formulated any scheme for desilting of rivers;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(d) the funds allocated/proposed to be allocated during the current year for the purpose?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.212 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 08.8.05 REGARDING DESILTING OF RIVERS

Flood Management being within the purview of State Government, the schemes are planned, funded and executed by the State Governments. The assistance rendered by Central Government is technical, catalytical and promotional in nature.

In order to study the problem of silting in rivers, the Government of India had constituted a Multi-disciplinary Committee in October 2001 under Dr. B.K. Mittal, Ex- Chairman, Central Water Commission. The Committee looked into this aspect and studied the cross sectional areas which were available for the last 5 to 10 years in respect of few sites on Ganga, Brahmaputra, Godavari, Krishna, etc. and concluded that siltation in rivers is not pronounced and alarming. The action points in view of recommendations of the above Committee have subsequently been communicated to State Governments etc. for follow up action.